

The Process of Victory

"Be strong and courageous because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave to you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left that you may be successful wherever you go." – *Joshua 1:6-7*

- **Calling** – The calling of God is undeniable and unshakeable
- **Courage** – Courage is based on God's promises, not on you or your ability

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. – *Joshua 5:13-15*

- **Confirmation** – If it's of God, it will last; if it's of man, it will pass (EV Hill).
- **Consecration** – Our lives must be washed clean by repentance and kept clean by integrity.

Now, Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." – *Joshua 6:1-5*

- **Commitment** – Focus on the power of God, not the height of the wall
- **Conquest** – The victory belongs to the Lord!

When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in and they took the city. – *Joshua 6:20*

Lessons for Our Friend Josh and Us:

The process of victory has an order and a faith-filled logic.
There are no shortcuts on the road to victory.

The Joshua Challenge – 10/10 Plan

I will commit to spend 10 minutes in the Word and 10 minutes in prayer every day (*Joshua 1:7-9*). As part of the CTK family, I will commit to pray for two other families or people at CTK.

Next Steps:

If you frequently struggle with a lack of courage, register for the Fear and Anxiety Workshop listed in today's program.

On Your Way Home:

Sit quietly in God's presence on the way home and ask God, "What is my Jericho?"

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) What scares you? Don't try and be brave or put on a front for the people of the group – what truly scares you?
- 2) When you hear the word courage, what immediately comes to your mind?
- 3) Has God helped you overcome a fear in your life? How so? Has a passage of scripture helped you along the way? Please share it!
- 4) Are there any steps along the Process of Victory that you think Grant missed? Which of the steps is the most difficult for you?
- 5) What other life lessons can you add from the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?